

community. St. Mary's is an important foundation in the lives of these Ethiopian-Americans where they can come together, as promised in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to practice their shared faith and help those within their community in times of need.

St. Mary's became the first Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Colorado when it was established in 1993. The church has experienced both triumphs and setbacks, but it has nevertheless always maintained its commitment to the community and willingness to serve. This is why St. Mary's continues to grow and thrive as its members celebrate their successes, their sorrow, and support in time of distress.

I offer my warmest and best wishes to the people and the leadership of St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church on their 25th anniversary. I know St. Mary's will continue to grow, to thrive, to serve its members, and to be a part of our community that is both a welcoming and diverse place.

CLARITY ON SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN CATEGORY MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6382, the "Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act," a bill which seeks to improve participation in federal contracting by small businesses.

The "Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act," requires that the Small Business Administration report to Congress on the total amount of government-wide spending under the Category Management approach, and more importantly, the number of small businesses awarded contracts under Category Management and the dollar amount of such contracts.

This information will allow Congress to determine whether Category Management is negatively impacting the participation of small businesses—including, minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned companies—in the federal marketplace.

While I appreciate that the rationale behind Category Management is to save taxpayer dollars by reducing contract redundancies and costs and shrink administrative burdens, I share the concerns of many that the expanded use of Category Management, as proposed by the Trump Administration, will result in less opportunities for small businesses to secure federal contracts.

Research published in a Federal News Radio article has shown that past contract consolidation efforts by the federal government have decreased the amount of small prime contractors obtaining federal work. As such, we must exercise vigilance to guard against the diminution of small business participation in the federal marketplace under Category Management.

As a longtime advocate for small businesses, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor on this legislation, and I thank the gentlelady from North Carolina, Ms. ADAMS, for bringing the bill forward.

With that, I urge my House colleagues to support small businesses by voting in favor of this legislation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARGARET BRADFORD-MATTHEWS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today in remembrance of Margaret Bradford-Matthews.

Margaret was born in Philadelphia on September 26, 1949. She spent much of her youth in service to the A.M.E. Union Church. Shortly after graduating from William Penn High School in 1967, Margaret became one of the first African-American Pathology Technicians at the former Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia. She met her soon-to-be husband Herman J. Matthews, Jr., known to friends as Pete, that same year. Pete and Margaret married in the spring of 1970, at which point Margaret left her job at the hospital to raise their family.

Pete and Margaret were blessed with four children: Peter, Mark, Allan, and Heather. Of course, the challenges of raising four young children didn't keep Margaret from staying involved in the community. She was a Boy Scouts Den Mother, community organizer, volunteer school advisor, and more. She loved animals, most of all her dogs Bo and Squirt, and would often volunteer at the Camden County Animal Shelter. Margaret also had a renowned eye for fashion. Pete's reputation as one of the sharpest-dressed men in Philadelphia stems from Margaret's influence.

While Pete may hold the title of President, Margaret's input played a vital role in shaping the contracts AFSCME District Council 33 reached with the City of Philadelphia. Her importance was recognized when she was selected from PA AFL-CIO Women's Committee as a delegate to the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

Margaret leaves behind a legacy that will live on in the countless lives she touched. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the life and memory of Margaret Bradford-Matthews.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE INWOOD CANOE CLUB TO THE UPPER MANHATTAN COMMUNITY ON ITS 116TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club has been part of the Upper Manhattan Community since its founding in 1913; ushering the introduction and growth of this sport and recreation with this generation as well as the generation of our parents and that of our grandparents before;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club continues to eagerly welcome with open arms persons of

all ages from different parts of New York City, and around the world for over a century;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club has given New Yorkers a chance to discover new activities that enable us to enjoy the natural beauty that is such a tremendous point of pride that we all share and are fortunate to celebrate with the Inwood Canoe Club;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club places a priority on community engagement and instills a lifelong passion for outdoor recreation through programs highlighting water sports to educate the youth about the ecology of the Hudson river and the importance of the environment;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club strengthens community and generational ties, contributing to our greater sense of pride in our community;

Now, therefore I, ADRIANO ESPAILLAT, Representative of the Thirteenth Congressional District of New York in the United States House of Representatives, do hereby recognize Inwood Canoe Club on its 116th anniversary for its contribution to the Northern Manhattan Community and New York City.

AMERICANS WHO DIED FROM GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans continue to die from gun violence while this White House and this Congressional majority does nothing to stop it.

Instead of working to pass commonsense, lifesaving legislation that keeps guns out of the hands of people who should never have them, Republican Congressional leadership is already eyeing the door to campaign before the November election.

We are already hearing rumors that the next two weeks could be cancelled. Instead of running off to campaign, we should remain in Washington to debate any number of bipartisan commonsense gun safety proposals that will save American lives.

Sadly, this Republican majority is too beholden to the NRA and gun lobby to do the right thing.

Speaker RYAN and Congressional Republicans will head out to hit the campaign trail while Americans will continue to die because of their criminal inaction.

These are the names of 156 Americans that this Republican majority has failed by their inaction on gun violence:

FLORIDA'S 17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1. Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy William Gentry Jr.
2. Hinso Estriplet
3. Trent Bartol-Thomas, 19
4. Anthony Mathison
5. Rhiannon W. Layendecker
6. Samuel Jones, 22
7. Eric Young, 18
8. Matthew Eugene Collins
9. Joshua Jordan, 23
10. Guy Jr. Alabre, 16
11. Steven Gonzalez
12. Kehsawn Souvenir
13. Ivan Garcia
14. Maria "Angeles" Delosangeles Evaristo Bautista